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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, November 18, 2007**. Crop harvest activities are mostly complete, and winter wheat planting is coming to a close for the year. Pastures and fall grazing crops need moisture for continued growth. Fall tillage operations have continued in dry fields, while vegetable producers are harvesting leafy vegetables. Soil moisture was rated 19 percent very short, 30 percent short, 50 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending 11/18/07

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Cotton, harvested	99	99	100	95
Peanuts, harvested	99	95	97	--
Soybeans, harvested	100	99	100	97
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	100	98	94	97
Winter Wheat, planted	95	76	73	81
Winter Wheat, emerged	67	40	59	60

Crop condition for week ending 11/18/07

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Livestock	5	8	27	52	8
Winter Wheat	0	0	36	63	1

Comments

“An additional week of dry weather has allowed growers to complete about all of their fieldwork.”

— Don Respass, Coahoma

“Equipment is being repaired and stored for the winter. Wheat is still being planted. Most producers are getting ready for hunting season.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“All of the crops are in. A lot of wheat was planted during the beginning of week and is already emerging. Some corn land preparation has been completed in anticipation of next year’s cotton.”

— Stephen R .Winters, Grenada

“Planting of winter wheat should be near completion by Thanksgiving. Fall tillage operations have continued in dry fields.”

— Jay Phelps Pontotoc

“Harvest activities, wheat planting, and fall fieldwork are mostly complete for the year. Grower’s thoughts are turning to hunting and planning for next year.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“We have barely enough soil moisture for normal work. A significant, continued drought will cause serious concerns for both current and next year’s production.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“The Sunday shower was enough to settle the dust. Last week's freeze finished off the surviving summer garden plants and forced the lawn grasses into dormancy. Winter forage fields and wildlife food plots need more rain before really cold temperatures settle in.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“A half-inch of rainfall fell mid-week across most of the county. The rain was great for wheat emergence, and it did not stop fieldwork for very long in most areas.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

“Approximately one inch of rain was received during the week. Crop harvest is complete. Fall grazing crops need continued rain for growth. We’ve had two hard frosts and summer grazing growth has halted.”

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha

“We received a little light rain on Saturday evening and Sunday night.”

— Amanda Walker, Lawrence

“Producers have completed their winter wheat planting and preparation. Cattle producers have good coverage with ryegrass, but pastures need moisture for continued growth. Vegetable producers have excellent crops of fall vegetables and are harvesting leafy vegetables for sale.”

— Florieda K. Mason, Perry

This will be the last Weekly Crop Weather Report for 2007. We will change to a monthly format until the Weekly Crop Weather Report resumes next year.

(Additional comments appear at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ms/cwyears.htm>)

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending 11/18/07													
Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Plan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
Upper Delta													
Cleveland	80	29	56	53	3	0.80	-0.64	1	2.20				
Lambert	80	27	59			0.02	-1.21	1	1.79				
Tunica	79	31	59	52	7	0.20	-1.10	2	2.16				
Extreme/Average	80	27	58	53	5	0.34	-0.98	1	2.05				
North-Central													
Calhoun City	77	29	55	52	3	0.00	-1.15	0	4.97				
Hickory Flat	74	26	53	50	3	0.36	-0.98	1	8.97				
Independence	75	26	56	51	5	0.20	-0.96	3	2.91				
Oxford	76	41	61	51	10	0.12	-1.17	5	6.76				
Extreme/Average	77	26	56	51	5	0.17	-1.07	2	5.90				
Northeast													
Ripley	75	26	52	50	2	1.17	-0.20	2	6.32				
Tupelo	76	30	57			0.77	0.00	2	5.38				
Verona	76	30	54	52	2	1.18	0.06	2	6.76				
Extreme/Average	77	26	54	52	2	1.36	0.26	2	6.65				
Lower Delta													
Moorhead	78	34	59	55	4	0.68	-0.57	2	3.13				
Rolling Fork	83	31	61	54	7	0.79	-0.35	2	2.41				
Stoneville	80	30	59	54	5	0.13	-1.12	1	2.38				
Yazoo City	78	31	57	55	2	0.10	-1.11	1	2.15				
Extreme/Average	83	30	59	55	4	0.43	-0.79	2	2.52				
Central													
Canton	79	27	56	55	1	0.25	-1.01	1	1.73				
Lexington	78	26	59	54	5	0.08	-1.22	2	1.42				
Extreme/Average	79	26	56	53	3	0.31	-0.95	1	2.28				
East-Central													
Aberdeen	77	29	55	52	3	0.94	-0.18	2	3.91				
State University	78	27	55	54	1	0.45	-0.66	1	3.51				
Extreme/Average	78	27	56	53	3	0.61	-0.57	1	3.40				
Southwest													
Crystal Springs	83	29	60	57	3	0.16	-0.93	2	1.85				
Natchez	82	28	57	58	-1	0.30	-1.02	2	1.74				
Vicksburg	80	31	61			0.17	0.00	1	1.81				
Extreme/Average	83	27	60	56	4	0.17	-1.03	2	1.64				
South-Central													
Collins	80	30	56	56		0.10	-1.06	1	2.90				
Columbia	81	31	60	57	3	0.00	-1.17	0	3.06				
Tylertown	78	30	59	58	1	0.00	-1.14	0	3.78				
Extreme/Average	81	30	58	57	1	0.03	-1.12	0	3.25				
Southeast													
Laurel	82	30	59	56	3	0.03	-1.14	1	2.63				
Extreme/Average	82	30	58	56	2	0.10	-1.12	1	2.94				
Coastal													
Gulfport	76	35	61	61		0.00	-1.18	0	5.10				
Extreme/Average	79	29	61	60	1	0.00	-1.23	0	5.78				
State	83	26	58	54	4	0.35	-0.86	1	3.64				

DFN = Departure from Normal.